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SUBJ: TASS REACTS TO SADAT

1. PRAVDA MARCH 16 CARRIES AN OFFICIAL "STATEMENT BY TASS"  
REGARDING SADAT'S SPEECH, WHICH CLAIMS HIS REQUEST (RATIFIED  
BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY) OF THE "CESSATION OF OPERATION"  
OF THE 1971 TREATY WAS THE LASTEST IN AN LONG LINE OF  
UNFRIENDLY ACTS BY SADAT WHICH IN REALITY HAD "PARALYZED"  
THE POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. "TASS IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THE COMPLETE

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RESPONSIBILITY" FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ENTIRE

POLICY PURSUED BY THE LEADER OF EGYPT, AND FOR THE SEVERANCE (RAZRYV) OF THE 1971 TREATY RESTS "WITH THE EGYPTIAN SIDE". THE SOVIET UNION, THE TASS STATEMENT CONCLUDES, WILL CONTINUE ITS PRINCIPLED POLICY OF DEVELOPING "FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE."

2. COMMENT. THE BRIEF TASS STATEMENT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT SOVIET IRE IS DERECTED AT SADAT HIMSELF, AND SUGGESTS THAT BETTER RELATIONS WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE UNDER ALTERNATIVE LEADERSHIP IN CAIRO. BY AVOIDING THE USE OF THE WORD "ABROGATION", THE STATEMENT ALSO INDICATES THAT MOSCOW IS FUZZING THE LEGAL ISSUE PERHAPS IN HOPES THAT THIS CAN BE USED TO ADVANTAGE IN THE FUTURE. THE MODALITIES OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE, AN OFFICIAL TASS STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY CLEARED AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, ARE NOT UNUSUAL, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION ITSELF CERTAINLY IS.

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